

*(Translation)***Waiting List for Telephone Connections in Jaipur**

2106. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons in the waiting list for telephone connections in Jaipur and the time by which they are likely to get telephone connections;

(b) the time by which telephone connections are likely to be provided on demand in Jaipur;

(c) the number of telephone exchanges functioning in Jaipur;

(d) the names of places where the work relating to laying of telephone cables have been in progress; and

(e) the amount likely to be spent for the execution of these works?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) The waiting list as on 31st Jan, 97 is 42287. In this 8000 connections are planned to be provided during February, March, 97. The remaining waiting list is likely to be cleared during 97-98 and 98-99 progressively.

(b) The telephone connections in Jaipur are planned to be provided on demand by the end of 9th Five Year Plan.

(c) The number of telephone Exchanges functioning in Jaipur are 23.

(d) The number of places where the work relating to laying of telephone cables have been in progress are given in statement attached.

(e) The amount likely to be spent for execution of these cable works is estimated as Rs. 3.3 crore.

Statement

Names of Places where the telephone cable laying work have been in progress.

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1. Moti Doongri Road
 2. Brahmpuri
 3. Amer
 4. Durgapura
 5. Mansarovar-II
 6. Barkat Nagar
 7. Pratap Nagar HB
 8. Mansarovar I & II OFC
 9. Jawahar Nagar to Tilak Nagar
 10. Transport Nagar
 11. VKI Area & Jhotwara
 12. Shyam Nagar & Vaishali Nagar
 13. Outside Wall City (Bani Park, Shastri Nagar.)
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14. C-07 area (Johri Bazar)
 15. Heera Bag Area
 16. Jorawar Singh Gate
 17. C-05 area (Sethi Colony, Jantha Colony.)
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Development of Civil Aviation Hotels and Tourism Industries

2107. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR KHANDELWAL:

SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry have formulated any action plan for the development of Civil Aviation hotels with a view to attract tourists;

(b) if so, the details of the above action plan and the amount likely to be incurred thereon; and

(c) the time by which work is likely to be initiated on the above action plan?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

[English]

Private Sector Telephone Exchanges

2108. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of private sector telephone exchanges opened in the country;

(b) whether these exchanges will cater the facilities much better than the Government run exchanges;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons for opening of these private exchanges?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) The Private Sector companies selected for providing basic telephone service have not yet opened any telephone exchange so far.

(b) to (d) Does not arise in view, of (a) above.

STD/ISD Booths Functioning in Kashmir

2109. SHRI GULAM RASOOL KAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of STD/ISD booths functioning in Kashmir, district-wise;

(b) whether a large number of applications are still pending for allotment of such new booths in the State.

- (c) if so, the details thereof, district-wise; and
(d) the time by which these are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) The number of STD/ISD booths functioning in Kashmir, district-wise is given in the Annexure.

(b) No, Sir. Only 103 applications are pending.

(c) The details of the pending applications are given in the statement enclosed.

(d) The pending list is likely to be cleared by December, 97.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the District	No. of STD/ISD booths functioning	No. of application pending
1.	Srinagar	151	71
2.	Anantnag	15	10
3.	Baramulla	28	09
4.	Pulwama	07	12
5.	Badgam	02	NIL
6.	Kupwara	03	01

[Translation]

Bogies of Tank Wagon Derailed on Katni-Satna Rail Section

2110. SHRI DADA BABURAO PARANJPE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on the night of January 9, 1997 ten bogies of Tank Wagon special running from Trombay to Satna had derailed near 1130/1144 km from Madanpur Station on Katni-Satna rail section;

(b) if so, the loss suffered by the Railways due to this accident; and

(c) the measures taken by the Government to check such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir. On 9.1.97, at 02.05 hours, 11 loaded oil tanks of Satna Oil Tank Special Goods train derailed at Bhadanpur station of Katni-Satna section in Jabalpur Division of Central Railway.

(b) The loss suffered by the Railways due to this accident is Rs. 19,15,000/-.

(c) The derailment took place due to breakage of journal caused by hot box. The following measures have been taken to check such incidents:

- (i) Counselling and training to staff have been intensified.

(ii) Performance of accident prone staff is being specially monitored.

(iii) Monitoring and implementation teams of senior officers visit important establishments and Divisions in order to prevent accidents.

(iv) The safety consciousness amongst employees have been assessed by officers of all concerned Departments and corrective measures suggested from time to time.

(v) Deterrent action is being taken against defaulting staff held responsible for accidents.

[English]

Revenue of DOT

2111. SHRI SUKHRAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the revenue earned by the DOT from telephones during each of the last three years;

(b) the average income after deduction of average operational cost from a telephone in the country during the above period;

(c) whether the target fixed for installation of telephones during 1996-97 has been achieved;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) The revenue earned by the DOT from Telephones during the last three years is as under:-

Year	Amount billed for (DOT) (Rs. in Crores)
1993-94	5216
1994-95	6400
1995-96	8085

(b) The average income per DEL per month for DOT after deduction of average working expense during the above period is:

Year	Rs.
1993-94	167.63
1994-95	295.72
1995-96	369.44

(c) and (d) The target for 1996-97 is likely to be achieved. The target for DOT is 19.5 lakhs telephones and the same for MTNL is 5 lakhs.